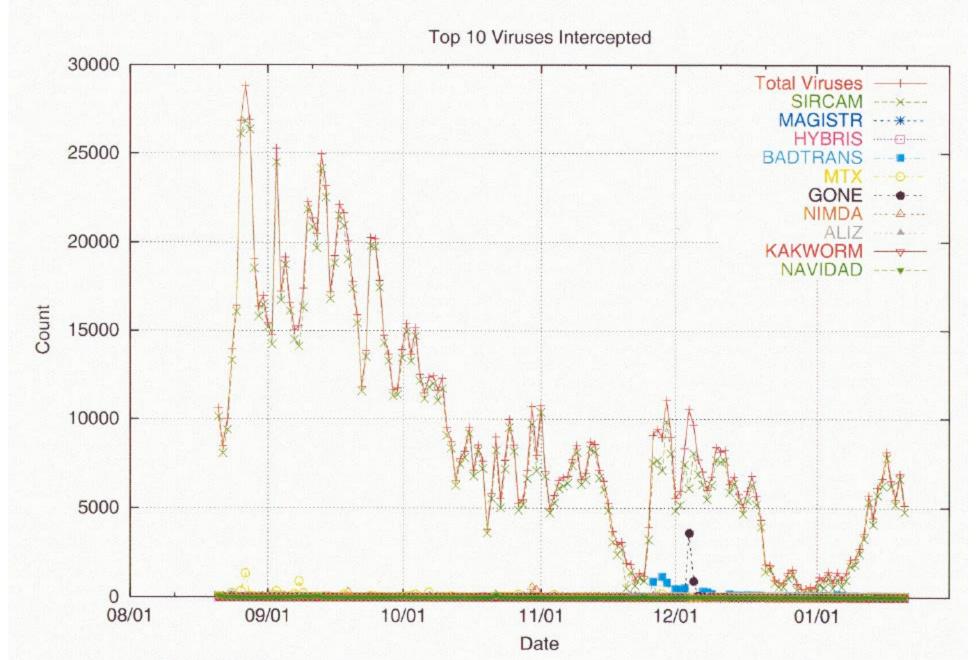
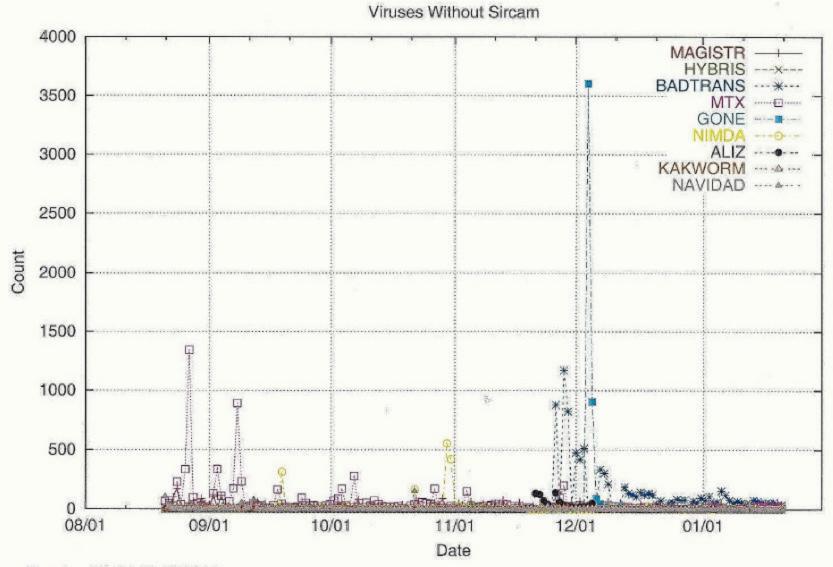


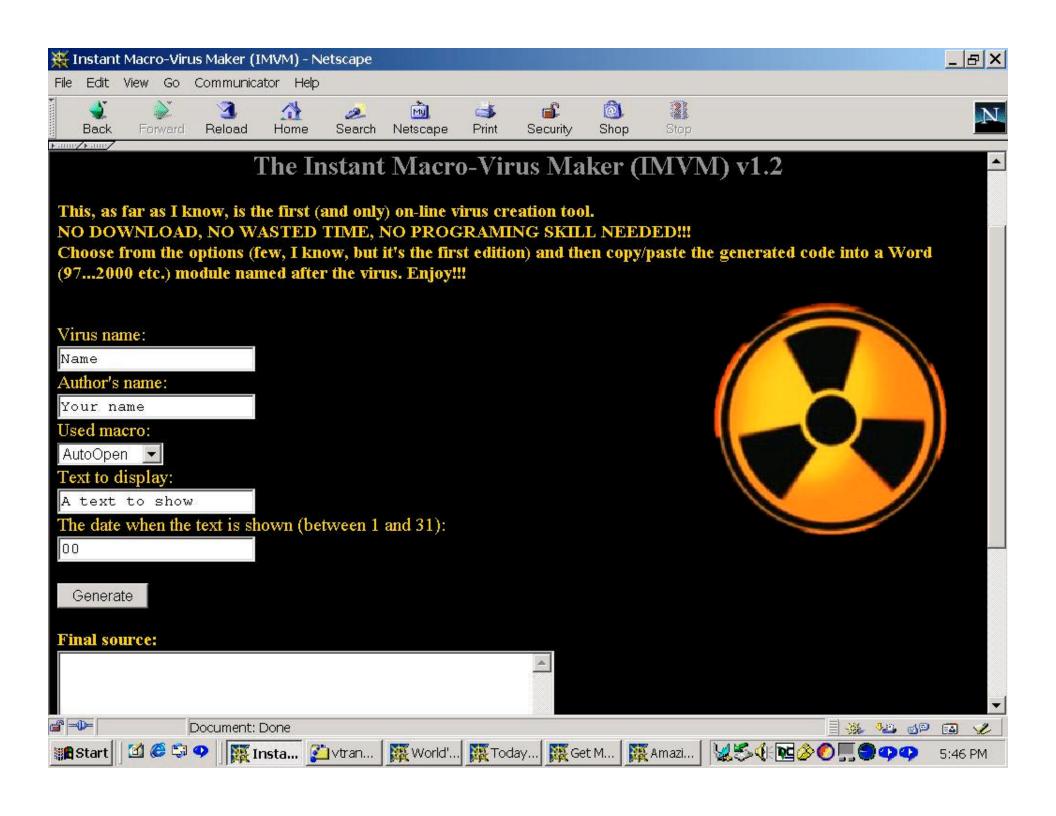
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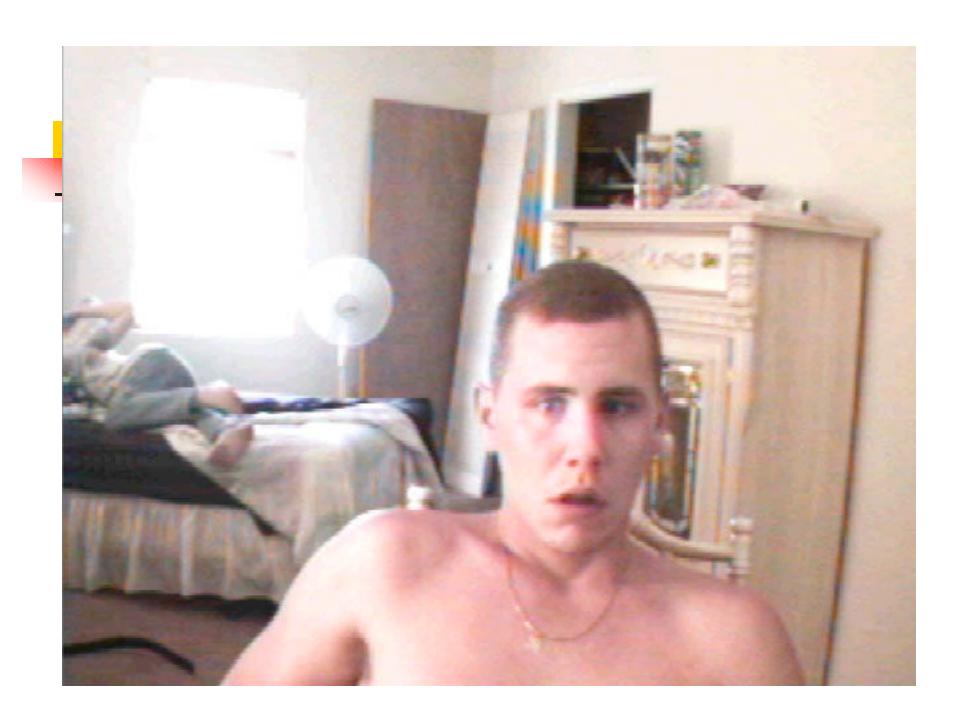


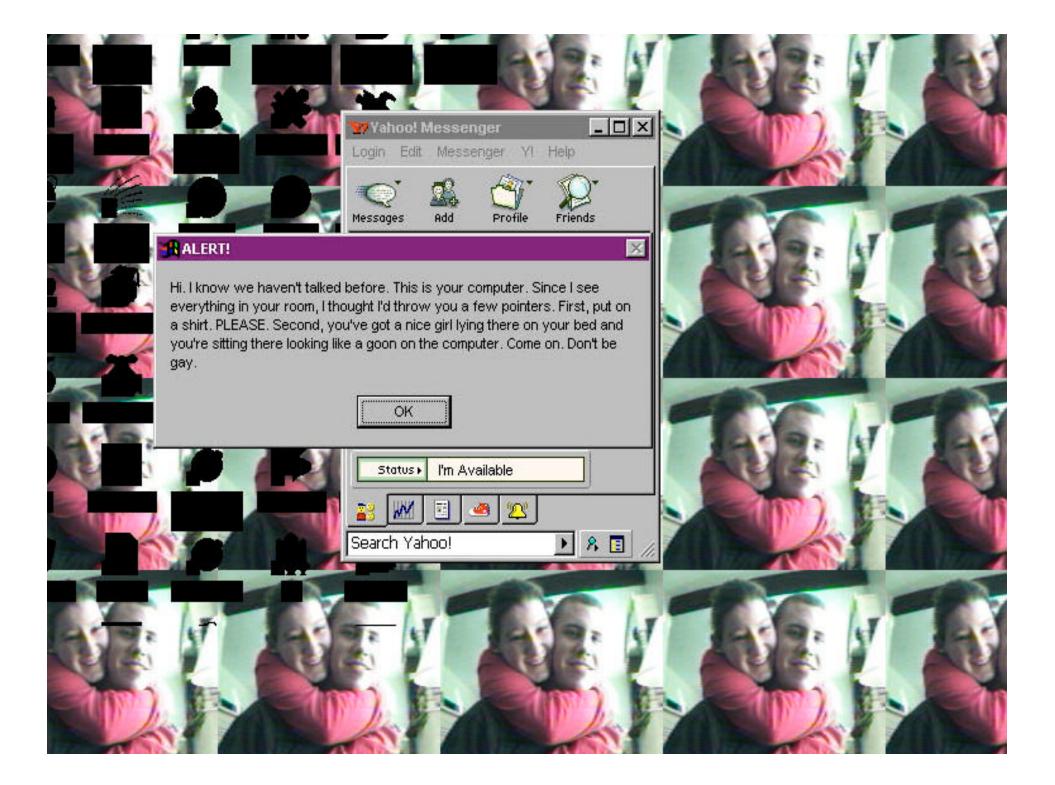
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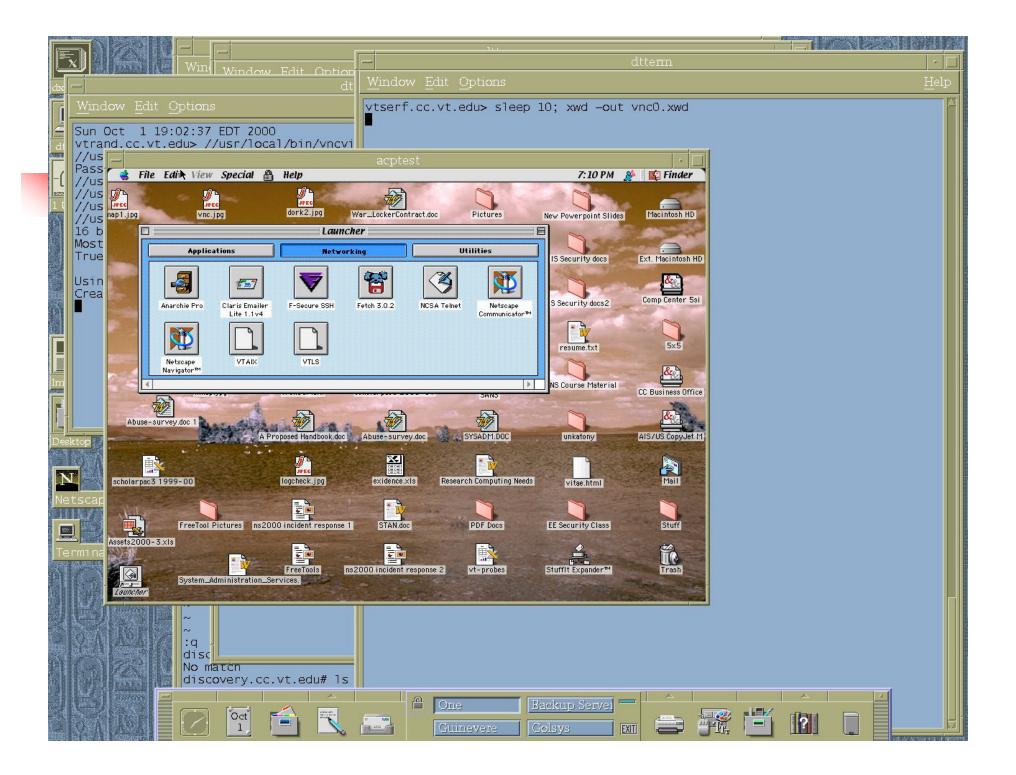


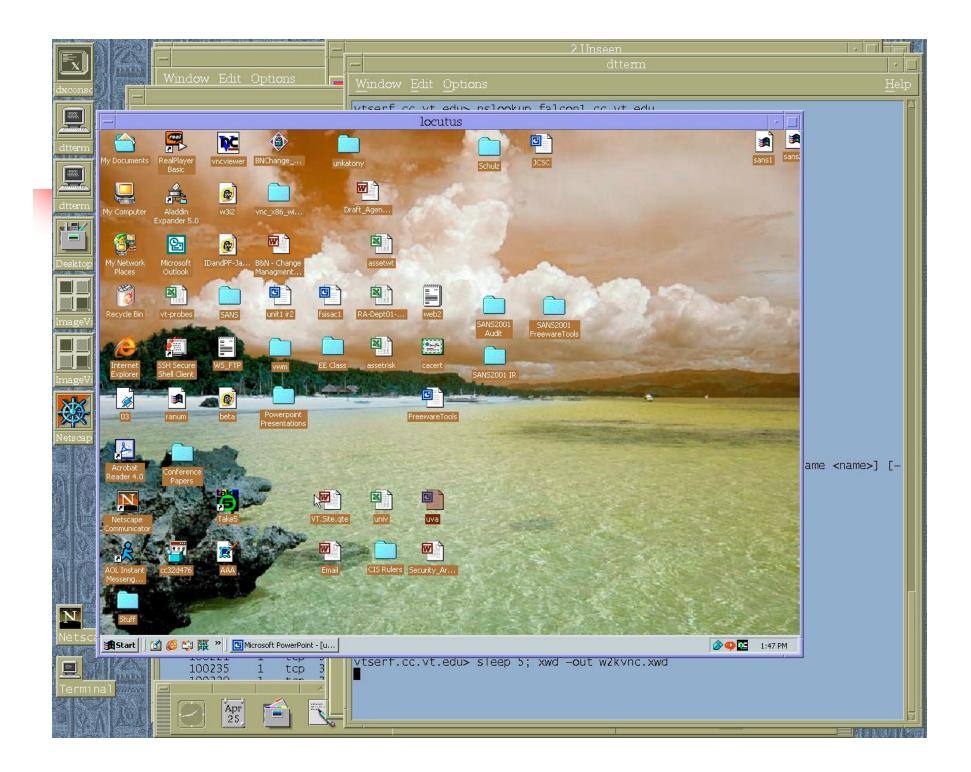
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Elvis Vidal, left, watches Tis Adams for cues before a performance yesterday's outdoor event to celebrate a commitment children build self-esteem as they develop music skills

Hackers Breach GMU Computers, Zap Students

By Ann O'Hanlon . Washington Post Staff Writer

Hackers have broken into computers at George Mason University 12 times since February, and in the most recent incident, they deleted academic work for 400 computer and engineering students, authorities said.

Campus and Fairfax County police are investigating the incidents, and they have filed charges ! tion with a February break-in. ... "A lot of people, are very upset,

Much of the information lost in the latest, and most serious, attack-which occurred three weeks ago-was recovered from backup systems. But because the most recent backup of data had been done a month earlier, many students lost extensive work they had performed over the summer. faculty members said.

Three master's degree candldates working with George Mason professor Jeff Offutt could not reagainst two students in connect accover any of their semester projects.

because it's been a major loss of work and a major annoyance," Offutt said.

"One person came into my office crying. ... She was saying, 'Please, it wasn't my fault. It wasn't my fault. It was working. You can ask my friends who saw it.' She just kept saying it over and over. I. felt so sorry for her." ...

Attacks by computer vandals are nearly as old as computing, but experts say such incidents may be growing more common and more malicious.

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Two Sue GMU for \$4.5 Million

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ERICA BESHEARS

An alumnus and a current stunt who say they were falsely cused of hacking into the computsystem at George Mason Univery have filed a \$4.5 million lawsuit tinst the school for defamation of tracter and false imprisonment.

an attorney for Robert Shvern, of Rairfax County, and Ryan telan, 25, of Centreville, said the men suffered great embarrass in and damage to their reputates and lost jobs and money as alt of charges filed against them

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hvern, who graduated with a ree in computer science in 1996, Whelan, a student since 1991. The lawsuit in Pairfax County built Court on Aug. 5, naming the ersity and eight of its officials efendants. The suit claims the ersity violated their civil rights acted without probable cause in it investigated them.

the plaintiffs believe the prosein was instigated out of malice without a legal and factual basis that they suffered damages as a t of it," said Chanda L. Kinsey, ney for Shvern and Whelan, nsey said an employer with a job offer to Shvern after reading accounts of the charges in local newspapers, forcing Shvern to accept a job with less pay. Whelan owns a computer business called Two Radical Technologies, which also is named as a plaintiff in the suit. Kinsey said Whelan lost several clients after the charges were filed.

The lawsuit states that the university used an unproven computer audit system to identify the culprit in a February 1997 hacking incident, and that the audit was carried out by a university official—Donald Desrosiers—who had a personal dispute with Shvern.

Shvern and Whelan also allege that the university police department arrested them without probable cause, knowing that the audit would not stand up in court.

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University officials said they would not comment on pending legal action.

Between February and August of last year, George Mason University suffered 12 computer break-ins by backers.

In the first incident, hackers inserted a program into the school's computer system that sent derogatory e-mail messages about the chairman of the Computer Science Department and the school's Security Review Panel to administrative committees under the names of random students and staff members. Another break-in last summer deleted academic work for 400 computer and engineering students.

Shvern and Whelan were arrested in July 1997 in connection with the first incident. Shvern was charged with altering computer data, a felony; with willfully using a computer network without authority; and with causing a computer to malfunction. Whelan was charged with being an accessory to the crime.

The lawsuit claims that university officials in their public statements intended to falsely incriminate Shvern and Whelan in the incident that deleted students' academic work.

Charges against Shvern were dismissed at a preliminary hearing in March when a judge ruled that the evidence was insufficient to refer the case to a grand jury. Whelan's charge was dropped a month later.

No one else has been charged in connection with any of the hacking incidents, officials said.

George Mason University has worked since last year to bolster security of its computer system by creating a committee to develop new policies, spokesman Dan Walsch said.

CRIME JUSTIC

Man Arrested in Alexandria Ca

A 27-year-old Emporia, Va., man has been an California in connection with a December carja which a police officer and a motorist were sofficials said yesterday.

Eddie O. Lee was arrested about 6 p.m. Mo rooming house by members of the FBI's Fugi warrant charging him with the carjacking, offici

On Dec. 26, an Alexandria officer tried to person at the corner of Montrose Avenue an scuffle ensued, and there was an exchange of After shooting the officer in the hand an approached a vehicle, shot the driver in the shout of her car, officials said. The gunman fled in At the intersection of Jefferson Davis Highway, he threatened another motorist and took his veh

Lee is being held in Los Angeles pending an e the carjacking charge. Lee is also wanted on firearms charges in Emporia.

Leesburg Woman Arrested in P

A 51-year-old Leesburg woman has been cha wounding after she told officers she spiked her re bug spray, police said yesterday.

Minnie Bell Hensley, of Adams Drive NE, wa and released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance b

Francis Fewell, 55, who shares the home v Hensley, opened the soda about 4 a.m. Aug. 10 some, put it back in the refrigerator, Leesburg p took a sip of the soda and noticed a "strange or criminal complaint filed in Loudoun County Gene

"After she drank it, she became ill and nauseou the contents of the can had been tampered with, spokesman, Capt. Clagett Moxley, said.

Rewell brought the can to the police station Moxley said. Hensley, brought in for questioning, she put bug spray in the drink to make Fewell ill documents. Police declined to comment on a Neither Fewell or Hensley could be reached for co





Partly sunny and warm

Highs: 70°-75° Lows: 45°-50°

TOMORROW

Chance of showers

Highs: 65°-70°

Lows: 35°-40°

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Yankees hack Tech computer use

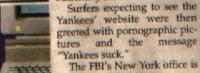
by Brian McNeill News Editor

A Virginia Tech computer was used in the hacking of the New York Yankees' website during the World Series last week, authorities said.

"A machine in the electrical engineering department was compromised by someone and was used in the Yankees hack," said Randy Marchany, a computer systems engineer and member of the computer incident response team, which handles online security for the university.

The hackers changed the Yankees.com numerical web address so online traffic would

department, engineering electrical Marchany said



looking into the crime.

"We are still investigating the hack of the Yankees' website," said Jim Margolin, special

agent of the New York office of the FBI.

INTERNET

However, specific details of the investigation could not be disclosed until more developments unfold in the case, Margolin said.

"Since the investigation is ongoing, I can't say whether we have any strong leads or if there are any suspects," he said.

Marchany said he expects the hackers will most likely be caught in the near future.

"The FBI has a lot of evidence and we have a lot of evidence," he said. "We were very fast in containing the problem once we were notified of it."

Yankees.com notified Tech of the hack after their online security determined the connection to the electrical engineering computer, Marchany said.

The hackers do not necessarily have any connection to Tech, Marchany said, because the attack could have been perpetrated from any-

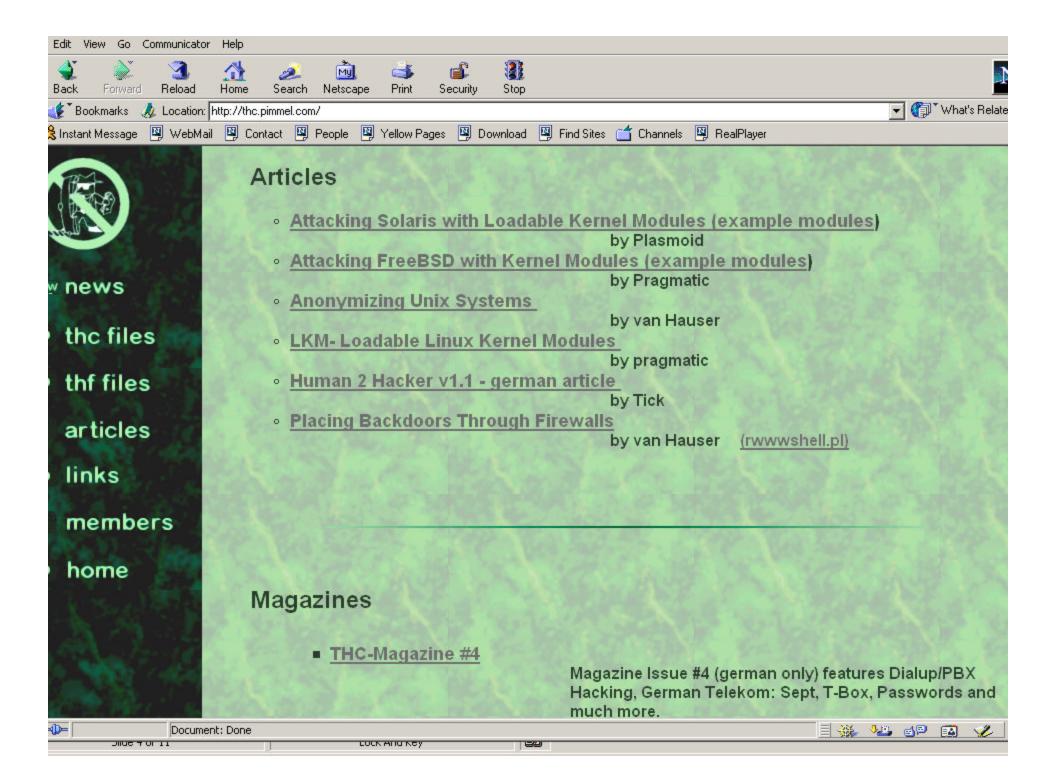
where. Hackers search the entire Internet to locate computer weaknesses they can exploit, he said.

"I think there are people that regularly scan the entire Internet for vulnerable machines," he said. "It's almost as if you were to try to open the door to every home in Blacksburg, document the results and go back later and break in."

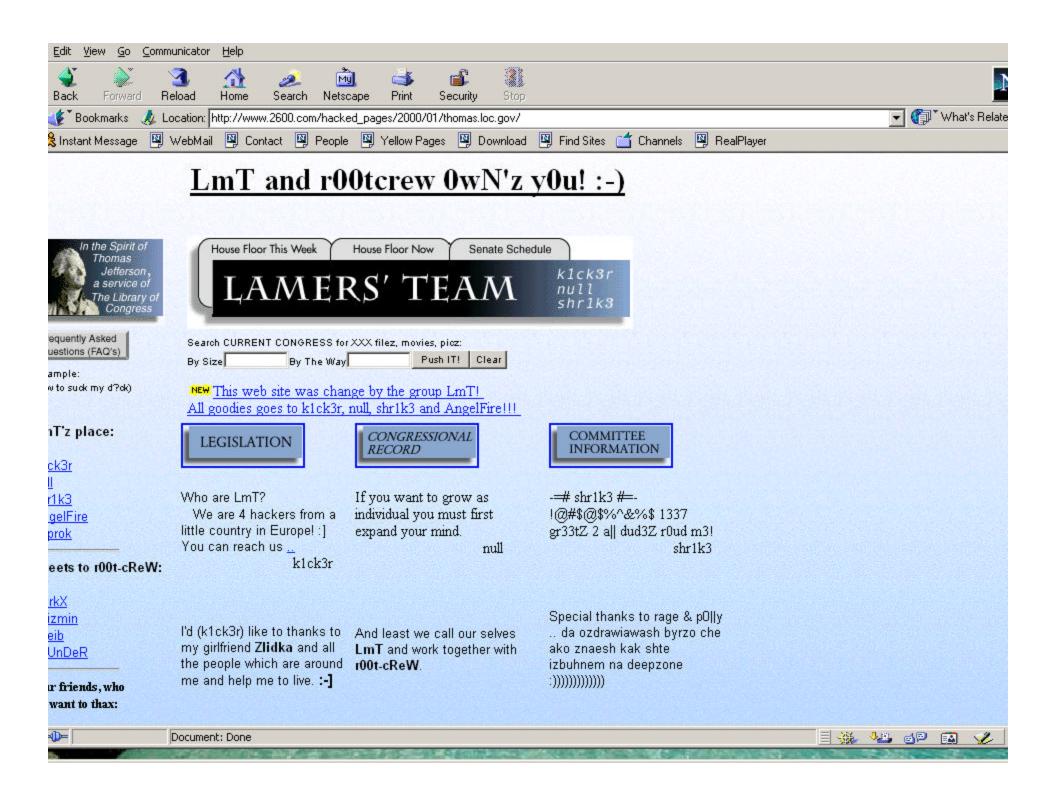
Tech has had its share of computer attacks over the years, but the computer incident response team has always quickly solved the situations, Marchany said.

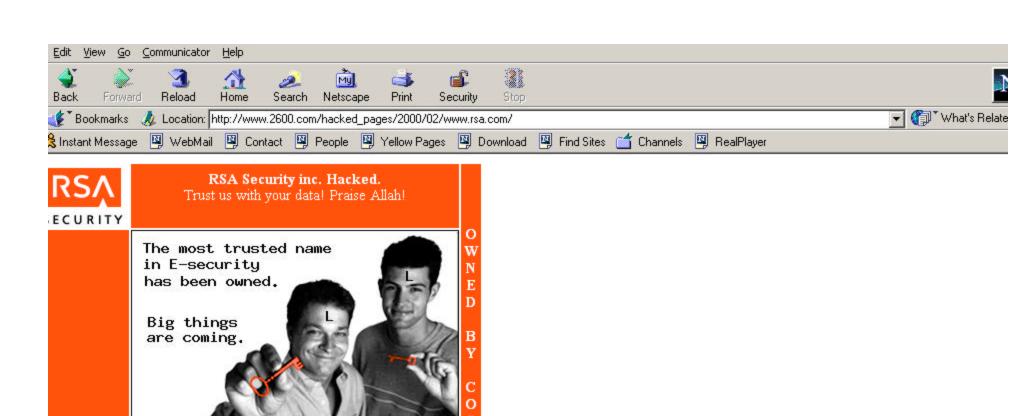
"In the past 10 years, there have been probably five major attacks," he said. "We've been very good about isolating and correcting the problems."



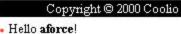


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- RSA Laboratories Unveils Innovative countermeasure to recent "Denial of Service" Hacker Attacks". Keep your data safe with us! Our security is the best.

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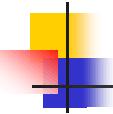
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KaZaA

- KaZaA is another file sharing program that lets users download music, pictures, software, video clips and more.
- The fine print in the license agreement has something nasty.



KaZaA License Agreement

You hereby grant Brilliant Digital Entertainment the right to access and use the unused computing power and storage space on your computer/s and/or Internet access or bandwidth for the aggregation of content and use in distributed computing. The use acknowledges and authorizes this use without the right of compensation.



- 1984 student sends obscene email to female faculty
- 1991 Major Unix break-in, 18 machines, 5 depts, hackers from all over the world, discussed in the book @Large
- 1993 Illegal music sites start to appear on VT systems
- 1995 Student obtains test from faculty Mac ahead of time
- 1996 Major relay attack, VT system used to attack other sites, AF-OSI/FBI involved



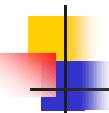
- 1996 Student changes grades on instructor's PC
- 1996 Anonymous email harassment from public VT systems
- 1996 Hackers attack system in MCB, capture passwords from 3 depts
- 1996 Secret Service investigates VT student for threat to the President via email
- 1996 female instructor harassed via email on class listserv



- 1996 CO system attacked by BEV user
- 1996 VT student captures 300 passwords in a dorm and changes them on 4/1/96
- 1997 VT WWW site modified illegally
- 1997 Dept. WWW sites attacked
- 1997 VT student send hate mail to gay www site. VT Provost gets > 500 emails protesting this attack, story appears in NY Times, Washington Post, LA Times, CT, local PBS



- 1997 VT student sent to judicial review for email harassment & threats
- 1997 Pirated software sites on VT systems
- 1997 VT system attacked from outside, FBI involved
- 1997 Hackers attack VT system to attack Canadian systems, RCMP/FBI involved
- 1998 Hackers attack VT system to attack PSU systems
- 1998 Dept lab attacked by disgruntled former grad student



- 1998 EE, Emporium labs attacked by hackers
- 1999 BO, Netbus, Email attachment attacks arrive
- 1999 +80 VT systems attacked to be used in DDOS attacks. FBI involved
- 2000 Email harassment attacks continue
- 2000 Remote control trojan attacks increase like VNC I showed you
- 2001 VT systems continually probed for vulnerabilities



Four Initiatives To Fight Back

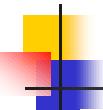
- Incident Response Team sharing
- Education sharing
- Policies especial AUP
- STAR



Policies that Work

History

- 1989: I asked "Do we have a policy"
- 1990: first draft of the AUP
 - #2000 adopted 1989, revised 1999
 - Management of University Records
 - #2005 adopted 1989, revised 1999
 - Administrative Data Management and Access Policy
 - #2015(AUP) adopted 1991, revised 1999
 - Acceptable Use Guidelines contain specific examples
 - #2020 adopted 1991, removal pending
 - Policy on Protecting Electronic Access Privilege
 - #2030 adopted 2000
 - Policy on Privacy Statements on VT WWW sites



AUP Enforcement Philosophy

- Avoid repeating sanctions they are in existing policies and sanctions
 - Sanctions are described in Student, Faculty and Staff Handbooks
 - Judicial procedure is defined there also
- Maintain compliance with Federal, state and local Computer Crime statutes.
 - Academic freedom vs. illegal activity



Acceptable Use Policy

Scope

- All VT-owned computer & communications facilities dealing with voice, video and data
- VT Networks, mainframe, midrange, minicomputer, workstation and PC
- No individually owned computers until they connect to the VT network.



Acceptable Use Policy

- Demonstrates Respect of:
 - Privacy rights of others
 - Intellectual property rights (copyrights, patents)
 - Data ownership
 - Defense mechanisms
 - Freedom from harassment, intimidation



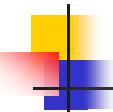
Acceptable Use – The Do's

- Use resources for authorized purposes only
 - Porno, personal business violation!
- Responsibility
 - You're responsible for anything that originates from your system/userid.
- Permission
 - Access only what you've been given permission
 - You can share your userid/system but see previous point
 - Use only legal copyrighted software or data
- Refrain from overloading resources
 - Spam, DOS attacks



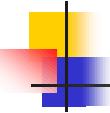
Acceptable Use – The DONT's

- Use another's system, userid, data, files or password without permission
- Use hacking programs, willfully spread viruses to break system security or disrupt services
- Make illegal copies of copyrighted materials, store them on VT systems or transmit them on VT networks
 - MP3, Napster, DVD is ok as long as copyrights are respected. (no music without permission)
 - You become a "distributor" one kid who refused to eliminate all files brought up under judicial review and had a "suspended suspension."



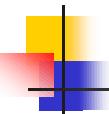
Acceptable Use – The DON'Ts

- Use email or messaging services to harass, intimidate or threaten others
 - Most common offense
- Use VT systems for personal gain (your new startup company)
- Use VT systems for illegal purposes



Acceptable Use - Enforcement

- AUP violations are a serious offense
- VT reserves the right to copy and examine any file on VT systems allegedly related to AUP violations in order to protects its resources (no search warrant needed for VT system)
 - Done only with the approval of supervisory or legal entities. Does NOT apply to personal systems
- FERPA, ECPA, Computer Fraud & Abuse Act, Computer Virus Eradication Act, VA Computer Crime Law, HIPPA, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property Act



Acceptable Use - Statistics

Students

- 1998: 5 cases formally adjudicated
- 1999: 1200 complaints, 25 cases formally adjudicated
- Gender based harassment, copyright infringement pose significant contributory liability concerns for the University
- Data from Office of Judicial Affairs annual report

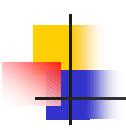


Acceptable Use - Summary

- Comprehensive
- Flexible
- Use existing University Policies for enforcement
- Binding to all VT members
- Available at http://security.vt.edu, click on the Acceptable Use Guidelines

STAR

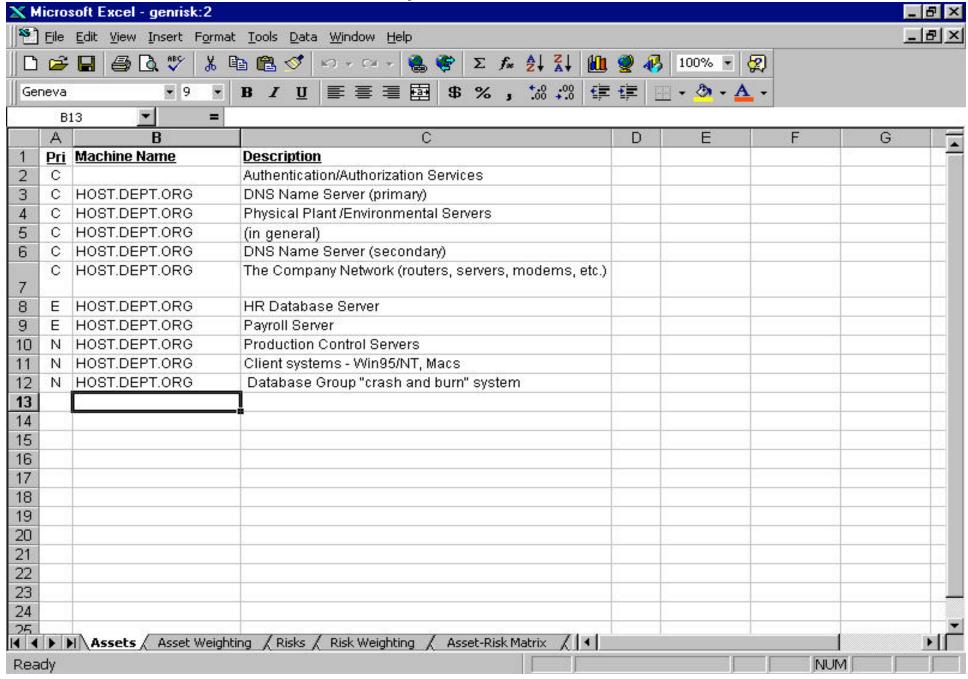
- How do you get the auditors, the security staff, and the systems administrators to all work together, and do it willingly?
- First make their jobs easier
- Then get senior management to require participation
- Get all three groups reading off the same page



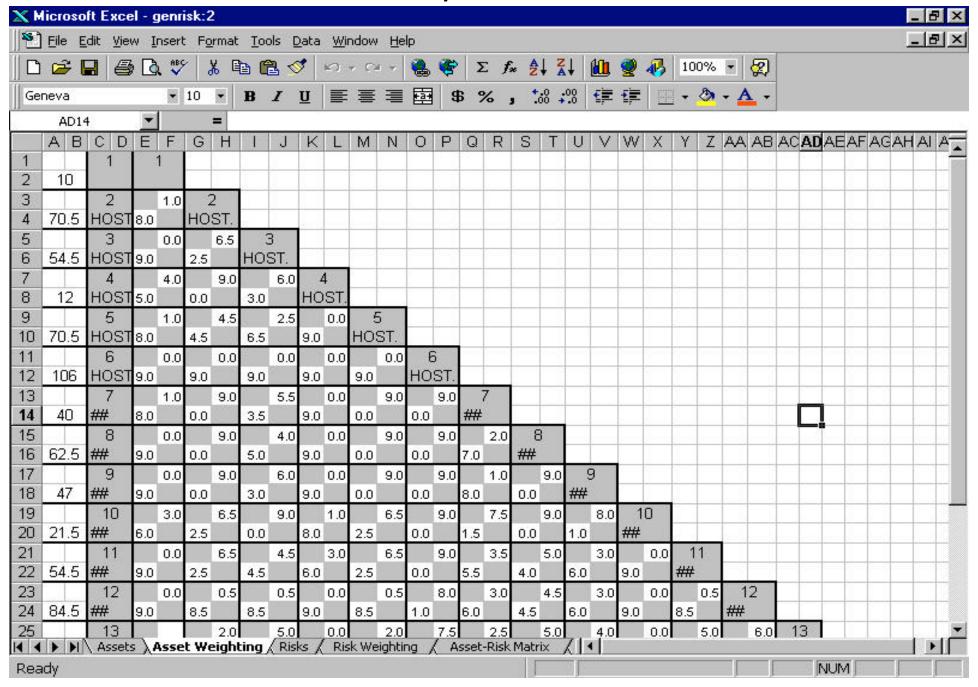
STAR: Security Technology Assessment and Review

- Value your information <u>assets</u>
- Assess your <u>risks</u>
- Deploy risk-mitigating controls for maximum <u>effect</u>
- Create measures that <u>drive</u> human behavior

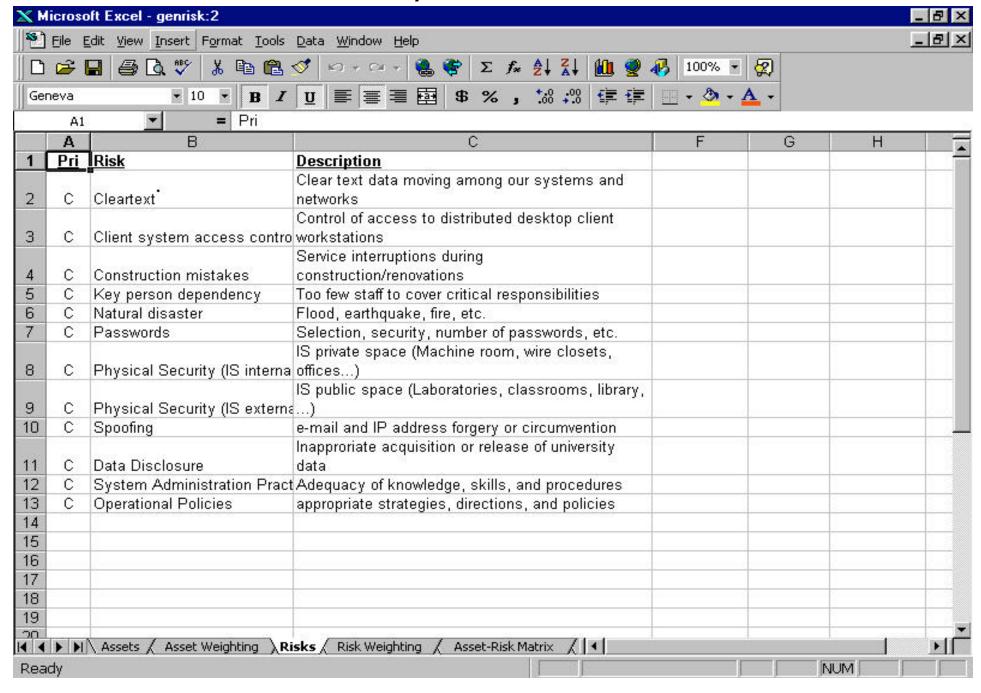
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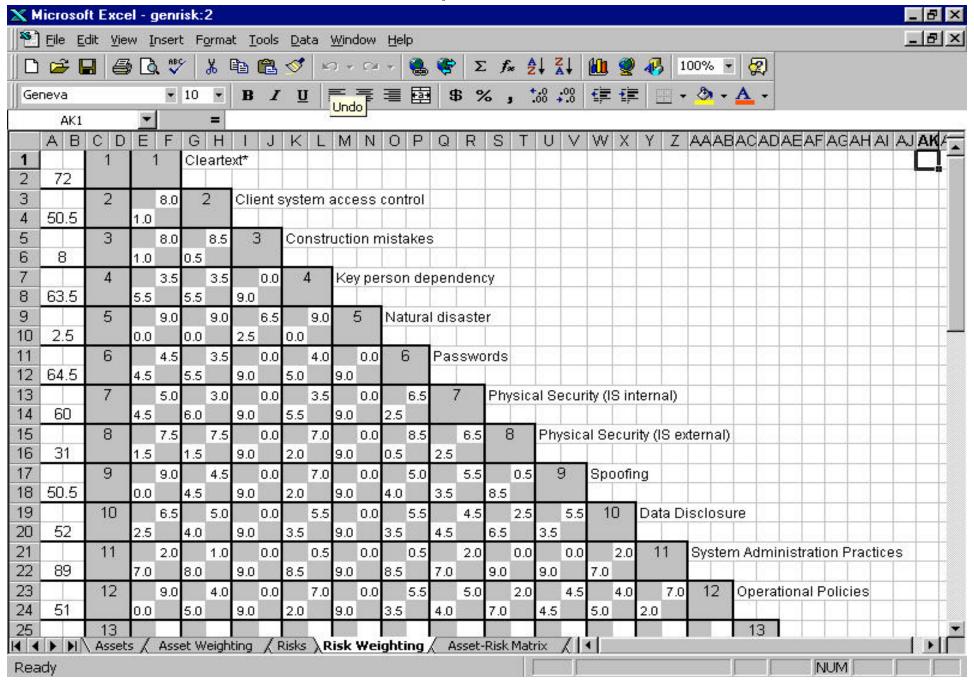
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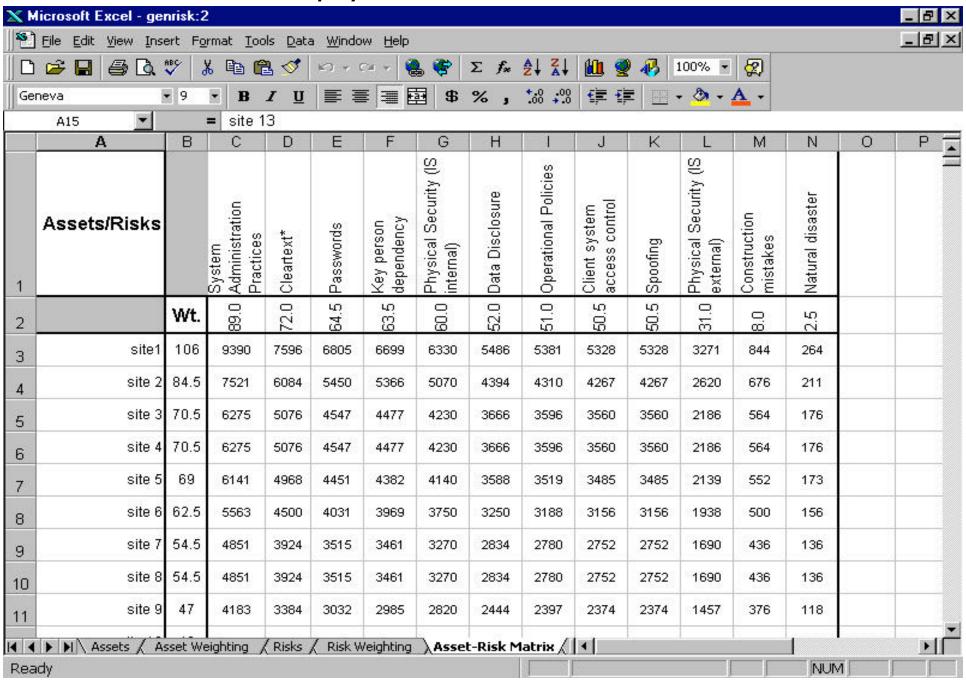
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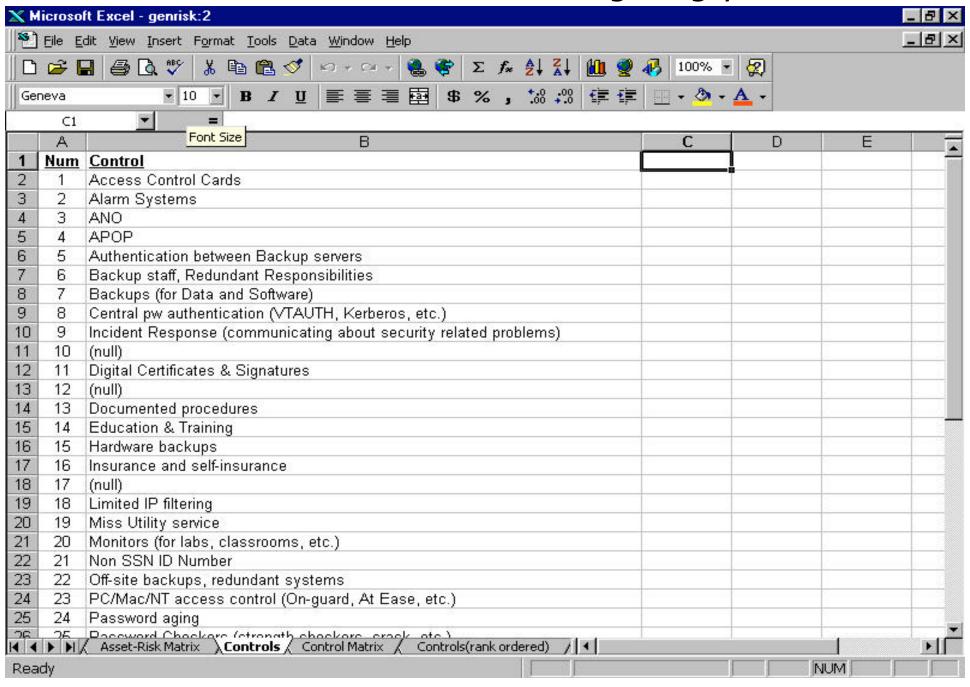
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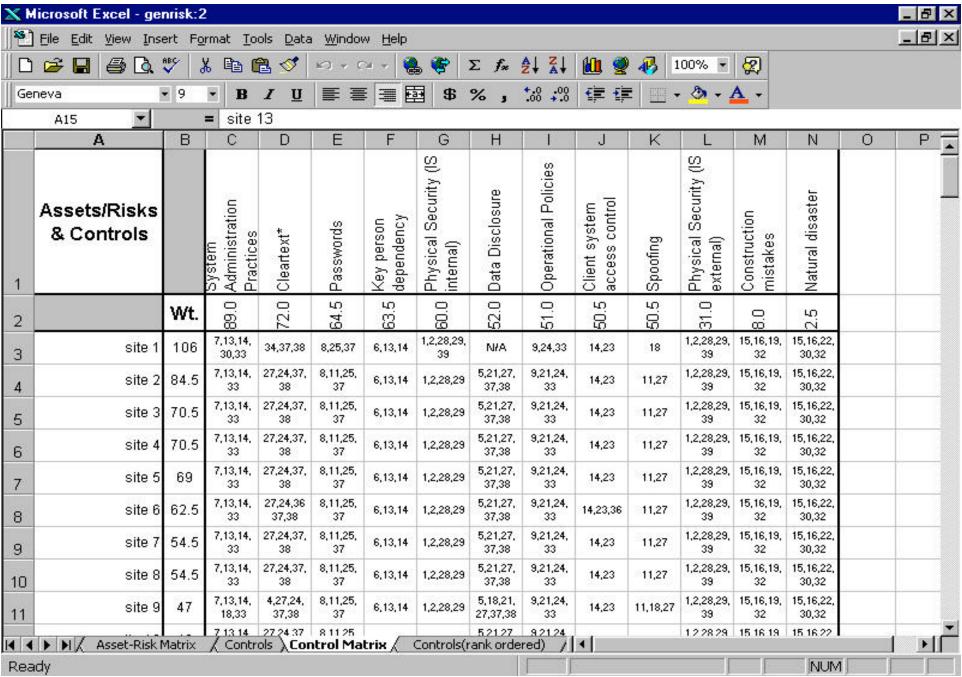
Map your Assets & Risks



List the Controls Available for Mitigating your Risks



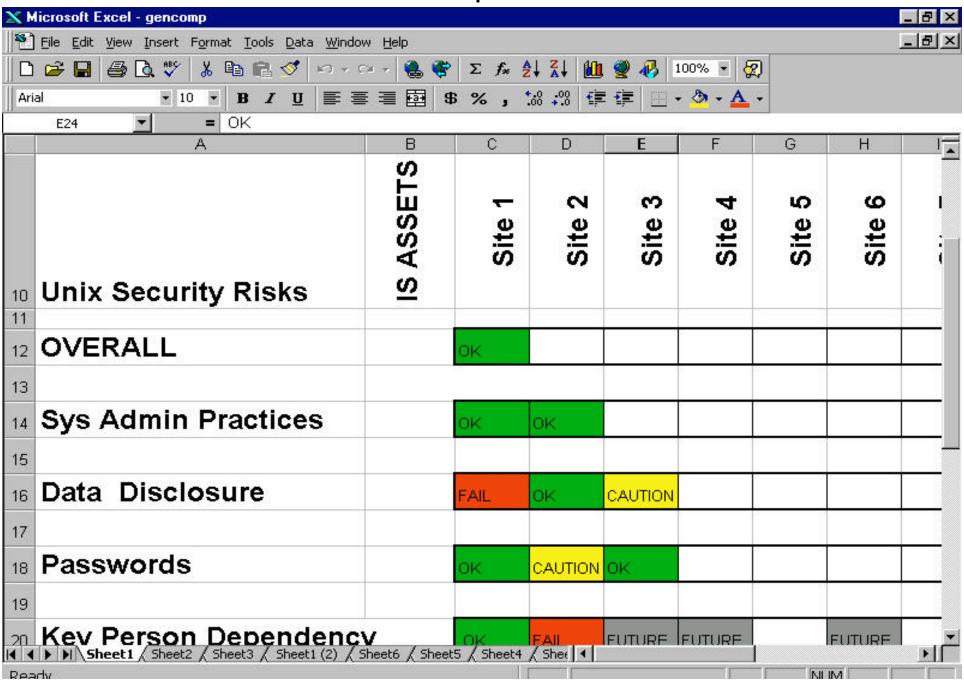
Map your Controls onto your Assets & Risks



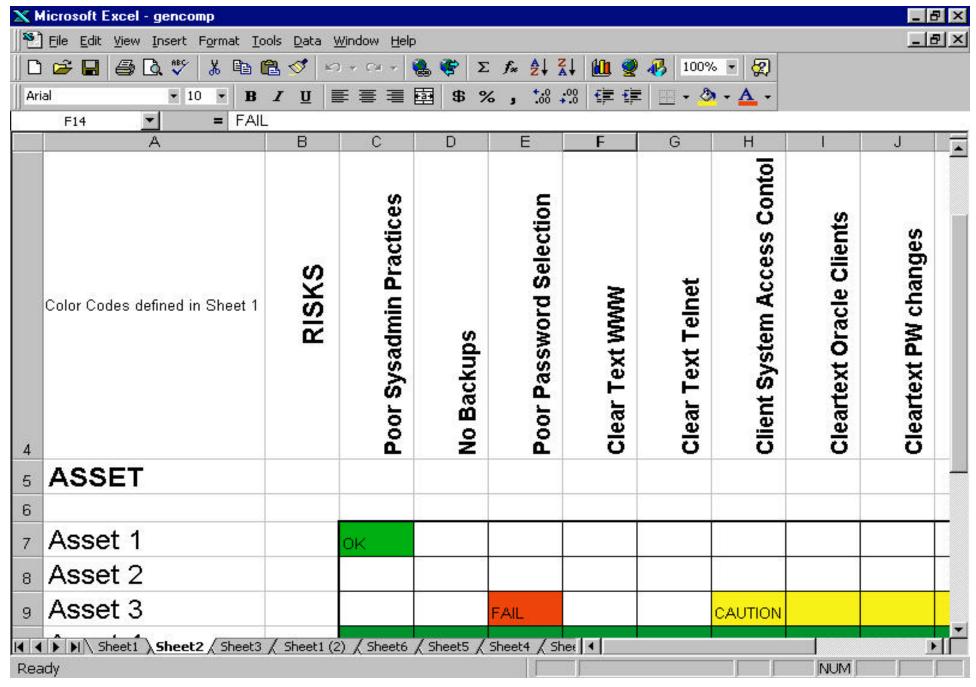
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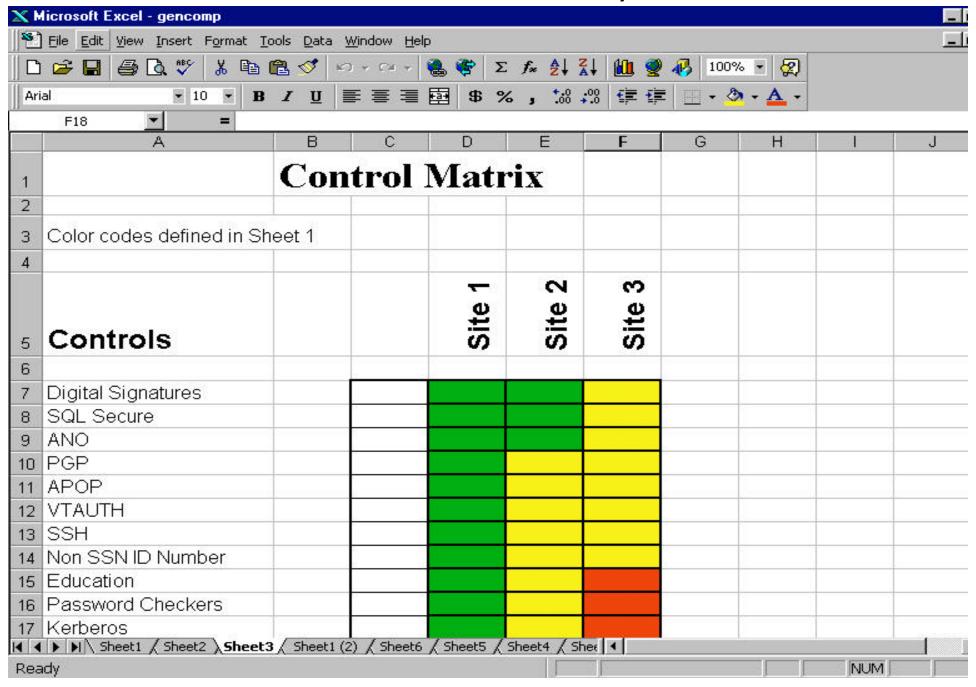
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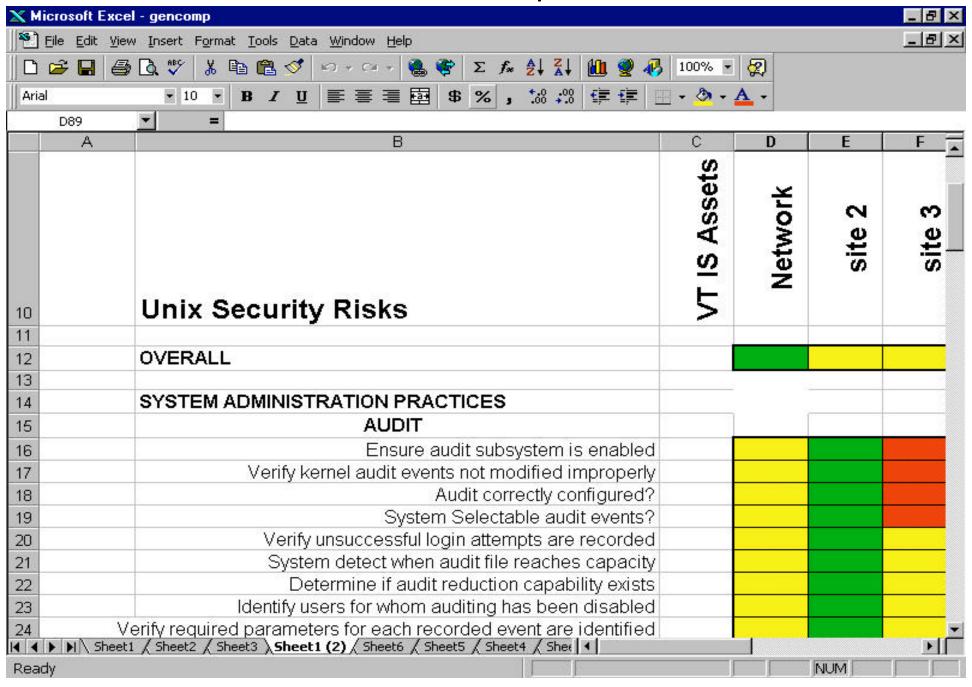
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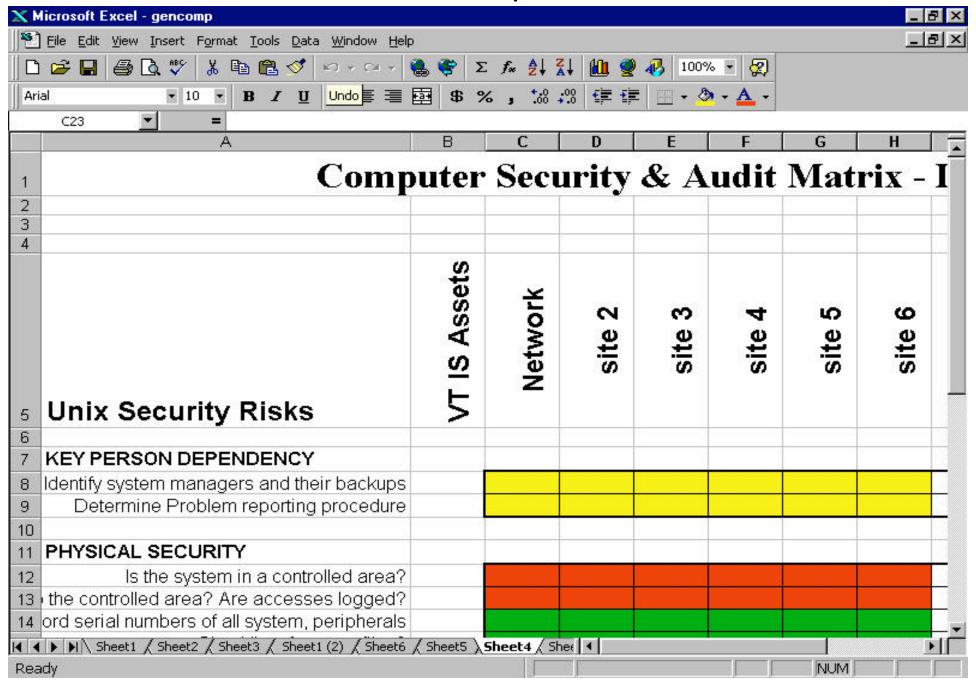
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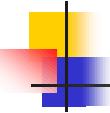


Detailed Audit Compliance Status



Detailed Audit Compliance Status





Benefits to User Organizations

- List of risks they hadn't considered
- List of assets that are at risk
- List of controls possible solutions
- Decision-making process is up to them



Benefits to Auditors

- Amount of work reduced in 2nd year and beyond
- Consistent reports
- Comparisons and trend analysis



Benefits to Incident Response People

- Do not get auditor information
- But, if problem occurs, can get good picture of what controls were on which machine



Benefits To System Managers

- Provides answer to management of "Where are we now and what do we need to do to get to a reasonable level"
- New: using Center for Internet Security scoring tools – because that catches management's eyes.
- Once they saw the scores (1-10) they demanded action.
- Auditor's like it, too.



New Additions at the Web Site

- Business Impact Analysis/Risk
 Assessment Template
- Emergency Response Plan



The best way to protect yourself from

attacks is to educate yourself. Virginia

Tech and other around in our area

Other Security Sites

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By securing your system, you make it harder for would-be attackers to invade

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